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MIRROR ASSEMBLY FOR VEHICLES

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Dear Sir:

ELECTION WITH TRAVERSE

In response to the Office Action mailed December 13, 1999, the Applicants provisionally elect Group I, namely Claims 1,17,19,27-28, 32, 40, and 44.

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REMARKS

The Examiner makes a six-way restriction. Specifically, the Examiner alleges that Claims 1, 17, 19, 27-28, 32, 40, and 44 are drawn to one invention, namely, an exterior mirror; Claims 2-4, 7-11, 18, 33-34, 39, and 42 are drawn to specific features of an actuator; Claims 5-6, 20-26, 35-36, and 45-51 are drawn to specific features of a biasing member; Claims 12-16 and 29-31 are drawn to specific features of a drive assembly; Claims 41 and 43 are drawn to an E.C. mirror; and Claims 37-38 are drawn to specific features of a web. The Examiner claims that the inventions are distinct because they are related as combinations and sub-combinations.

Restriction between subcombination and combination claims is only proper when the combination claims do not call for all the particulars of the subcombination claim